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policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.

Date: 2 Jun 1993 07:21:20 GMT
From: waikato.ac.nz!comp.vuw.ac.nz!newshost.wcc.govt.nz!kosmos.wcc.govt.nz!
ANDREWS_D@decwrl.dec.com
Subject: 900 MHz (was: You could hear a pin drop in this group lately)
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

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>That's what I'm hoping to do for 900 MHz. It would be nice to have somebody
>else to talk to, though. Not much fun on a deserted band!

New Zealand is still in the early stages with our 922-927 MHz band

We have just negotiated access to the region 53-54 MHz and have an application for a repeattr on 53.950 Mhz _1 MHz split to be located in Wellington..
It should be running by the end of June 93.
73 David Andrews ZL2SX

Internet andrews_d@kosmos.wcc.govt.nz

Date: Tue, 1 Jun 93 13:58:25 GMT
From: walter!porthos!dancer!whs70@uunet.uu.net
Subject: Bad News For Blind U.S. Hams :-(
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

In article <1uenii\$nm@thumper.cc.utexas.edu> davros@thumper.cc.utexas.edu (Buddy Brannan) writes:

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>examinations because he's not able to "observe" the candidates, as per the
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whs70@dancer.cc.bellcore.com (sohl,william h) writes:
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Subject: blind VEs
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

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Okeh....so just how does one who can't see:

check ID

grade the tests

detect the two deaf people in the back of the room signing to each
other.

fill out the forms (or more to the point, know the forms are filled
out correctly....)

it goes on and on from here as well. I can appreciate the effort and desire
of the sightless one to participate and in many amateur radio activities there
are no problems, but this is probably one that is out until the LaForge Visor
is developed.

if you can't see, i'd bet it'd be hard to call a baseball game as well.

bill (terribly nearsighted but correctable) wb9ivr

Date: 1 Jun 1993 10:08:41 -0700
From: network.ucsd.edu!not-for-mail@network.UCSD.EDU
Subject: blind VEs
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

There is little that blind people cannot do when aided by the proper
equipment. For example, at one startup firm where I worked, the
purchasing agent was completely blind, yet was able to conduct business
in a competent way by use of a reading machine, and a few additions I
made to his telephone.

I would think that an action under the Americans with Disabilities Act

would have the FCC in deep shit quickly on this one.

- Brian

Date: Tue, 1 Jun 1993 17:46:18 GMT
From: usc!cs.utexas.edu!uwm.edu!src.honeywell.com!skyler.mavd.honeywell.com!
estey@network.UCSD.EDU
Subject: exit
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

Regarding the Minnesota Scanner Law exemption for amateur radio operators -

The law, which has existed for some time, exempts Amateur Radio Operators IF they provide a copy of their license upon request by a peace officer. This means you MUST carry a copy of your license if you are using - or transporting - a device capable of receiving law enforcement transmissions. Some amateurs have also obtained a copy of the Minnesota Law, which they also carry in the vehicle.

So be forewarned - carry a copy of your license on your person if you use or transport a radio capable of listening to the public service bands. Otherwise, that radio can be confiscated.

73
Carl

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FAX (612) 542-6003		1625 Zarthan Ave. S., St. Louis Park, MN 55416
Home (612) 432-0699		Packet: WA0CQG @ WA0CQG.#SOMSP.MN.USA.NA

The nonsense here is of my own making - no one else would want credit!

Date: Tue, 1 Jun 1993 14:37:28 GMT
From: usc!howland.reston.ans.net!darwin.sura.net!rsg1.er.usgs.gov!
resdgs1.er.usgs.gov!tbodoh@network.UCSD.EDU
Subject: Hams in Morocco
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

In article <1993May30.142641.12866@cs.wisc.edu>, rcmolden@parmesan.cs.wisc.edu (Robertc. Moldenhauer) writes:

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|> archaeology. Is it legal for me to bring ham equipment and use it there?
|> Who would I have to contact? Does Morocco allow foreign hams to operate
|> in the country? The Moroccan Embassy here in the US has been
|> less than helpful...

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Unfortunately your best contact is their embassy. I would not attempt to take ham equipment into a foreign country without some assurances - preferably in writing - that it is OK to do so. The same goes for a shortwave receiver or scanner. Your second best contact would be our state department. They may have some idea whether others have been allowed and who to contact.

Good luck and have fun - don't forget to check on power adapters too...

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+ "Welcome back my friends to the show that never ends!" EL&P
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Date: Tue, 1 Jun 1993 17:34:24 GMT
From: usc!howland.reston.ans.net!ux1.cso.uiuc.edu!moe.ksu.ksu.edu!crcnis1.unl.edu!
news.unomaha.edu!cwis!pschleck@network.UCSD.EDU
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tbodoh@resdgs1.er.usgs.gov (Tom Bodoh) writes:

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The third (although probably the first), should be the American Radio Relay League. They maintain comprehensive information about overseas licensing and can advise you with a definitive answer. Just don't forget to give them about 4-6 weeks to reply. You can contact them via E-mail to 2155052@mcimail.com. Give your US-Mail address in the message.

Good luck with your trip!

73, Paul W. Schleck, KD3FU

pschleck@unomaha.edu

Date: 29 May 93 01:32:24 GMT
From: microsoft!wingnut!davidar@uunet.uu.net
Subject: License Question
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

I received my no-code tech from district 6. I now live in district 7, and need to send in a new form 610 for my change of address. Can I request a new call sign for district 7? And if so, will it be a 1x3 or a 2x3?

Dave Arnold (KD6IFY)
davidar@microsoft.com

Date: Tue, 1 Jun 1993 15:05:29 GMT
From: usc!cs.utexas.edu!swrinde!emory!cs.utk.edu!ornl!rsg1.er.usgs.gov!
resdgs1.er.usgs.gov!tbodoh@network.UCSD.EDU
Subject: Minnesota scanner law
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

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I was just contacted by the ARRL and they apparently addressed the proposed change in the Minnesota scanner law by contacting the author of the amendment and working out the misunderstanding. The time lag in publishing undoubtably led to Monitoring Times publishing this in the June issue. The author of the bill pulled it once he talked to the author of the original scanner legislation - who had written in the original exemption for amateurs. This matter was apparently cleared up at least two months ago.

Please do not contact Mike Delmont regarding this - he has apparently been cooperative in this matter. Thanks...

BTW - I am encouraged by the involvement of the ARRL in looking out for the amateur community.

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Date: Tue, 1 Jun 1993 12:45:57 GMT
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resdgs1.er.usgs.gov!tbodoh@network.UCSD.EDU
Subject: More info on Minnesota scanner law
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

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Hello,

I posted on Friday about the proposed revision to the Minnesota scanner law which would eliminate the exemption for Amateurs. Following is the name, address and phone number of the author of the amendment;

Mike Delmont
#307 State Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155
(612) 296-4226

I would be interested if anybody contacts him - to see why he dislikes hams - couldn't he pass the code test? Should somebody tell him about the no-code tech license? What is his problem anyway? Perhaps he thinks that scanner enthusiasts will get their ham ticket just to avoid the law? BTW - his name and number are in the June issue of Monitoring Times. Sorry I don't have his home number to give you ;-)

BTW - I do urge anyone that contacts him not to be irate, obnoxious or obscene. He apparently already holds a negative view of hams - lets not verify it for him. Since this affects Minnesota hams the most, I urge any of them who receive this to try to meet with him and work something out. There must be some compromise - as most mobile 2 M/70 CM rigs would qualify as scanners.

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Date: 1 Jun 93 15:49:00 GMT
From: furuta@MIMSY.CS.UMD.EDU
Subject: So, what should we call the new license? (was Re: NOCODE/CODE DEBATE (can
we talk about it,without calling names))
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

In article <9306010852.AA00040@adam.WEBO.DG.COM> Al_Brackett@DGC.MCEO.DG.COM
writes:

[... most of post deleted, leaving only the signature ...]
>73_al N1IQQ

> My thoughts and Data Generals don't even come close
 ^^^^^^

Hey, what a wonderful name for
the new license class that would be created
if the 13 wpm code test were eliminated and replaced
by a more stringent examination covering "modern" digital
modes! Too bad it's already being used. :-)

--Rick
N3JGF

Date: 31 May 93 16:57:58 GMT
From: microsoft!wingnut!laurahal@uunet.uu.net
Subject: You could hear a pin drop in this group lately
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

In article <1993May27.211256.5467@Csli.Stanford.EDU> kawai@Csli.Stanford.EDU (goh
kawai - n6uok) writes:

>I'd like to hear what people have to say about the proposed change to 902
>MHz. Do we use it? Do we need it? Do we care?
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>I, for one, think it's great that there is what "QST" calls a "kitchen sink
>band". It's only the United States and perhaps a handful of other countries
>that have band allocations where close to everything is permitted.

Proposed change? Do tell! I'm not on 902 myself, partly 'cos I'm having too much fun on 2m and 70cm, and partly for lack of anybody to talk to. I have never heard *anything* on 6m around here, and there are only about 3 hams who use 220 around Vancouver. There is a repeater on 23cm, but as far as I know the only real use the band gets around here is ATV.

The moral: use it or lose it. I'm thinking of throwing something together for 220 myself; perhaps one of those Ramsey kits.

73 from Vancouver!

...laura, VE7LDH

Date: 2 Jun 1993 07:13:32 GMT
From: swrinde!cs.utexas.edu!wupost!waikato.ac.nz!comp.vuw.ac.nz!
newshost.wcc.govt.nz!kosmos.wcc.govt.nz!ANDREWS_D@network.UCSD.EDU
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>MHz. Do we use it? Do we need it? Do we care?

Yes we do need to have bands where we can experiment and develop new
techniques

In New Zealand we have 922- 927 MHz & we use it for ATV and other
similar uses .. Please dont let us lose more specttrum..

Regards and 73

David Andrews ZL2SX.

Internet Andrews_d@kosmos.wcc.govt.nz.

Date: Tue, 1 Jun 1993 15:39:40 GMT
From: dog.ee.lbl.gov!overload.lbl.gov!agate!headwall.Stanford.EDU!Csli!
kawai@network.UCSD.EDU
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

References <1993May27.183808.29398@rsg1.er.usgs.gov>, <1993May27.211256.5467@Csli.Stanford.EDU>, <1993May31.165758.10904@microsoft.com>
Subject : 900 MHz (was: You could hear a pin drop in this group lately)

Dear Laura (VE7LDH)

| Proposed change [to 900 MHz band allocation]? Do tell!

There's an article in June 1993 "QST" that describes this. I don't have the article in front of me, so I can't represent exactly what the proposed changes are. In summary, amateur service may be given less preferable status in this band due to various reasons.

I haven't seen much activity on 900 MHz, except for a local ATV repeater. And like yourself, Laura, I haven't heard much on 50 MHz either, although I've encountered DX on CW and SSB, and there's a local FM repeater. 220 MHz is rather busy, and so is 1200 MHz. Not much on 2400 MHz, except for another downlink on the local ATV repeater.

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73 from the San Francisco bay area! DE N6UOK

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References <C7Ey30.AKo@eis.calstate.edu>, <C7Gtx8.KxI@ucdavis.edu>, <1993May29.013224.20637@microsoft.com>
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Yes. Just check the box for Request new callsign. You will get a class C call sign (1x3) if there are any left in that block in 7 land (as you

know many call areas are out like 6 and 4). You can check on that situation by looking at the recently issued callsigns in QST and frequently posted here (our expire is set too short here or I'd look it up for you).

Then again, you're always free not to request a new callsign. As a result I'm a 2 living in 4 land.

-Ron

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